

Literary Notes.

Announcement.

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged with Mr. S. E. Kiser, the Chicago newspaper poet, for occasional contributions from his versatile pen, which will be published exclusively in this paper. The first, "Wishing for the Stars," appears in this issue.

Watch our announcements. We're arranging with others, and we're going to give you the best reading in the intermountain country.

Wishing for the Stars.

He looked up at the stars with me:

"Let's make a wish," he said.

"Last summer he was six," said he.

"I wish my kitten wasn't dead.

I wish that all the stars I see

Away up there above my head

Would drop down here to me tonight,

So I could set them 'round to light

My room when I'm alone in bed."

I smiled at what I heard him say,

And he looked down and smiled;

What foolish, vain desires may

Be cherished by a child—

And yet perhaps God turned away

And wondered at the wild,

Vain wish I made that night—I, too,

May yearn as foolish children who

Would have the stars around them piled.

S. E. Kiser

New Utah Geography.

Professor Marcus Jones of this city has, with much care and vast labor, prepared a supplementary volume for Utah of Farr and McMurray's Geographies, a neat volume of 130 pages. The authorship of the book is in itself a high letter of credit for the book for the integrity, ability and faithfulness of Professor Jones are recognized everywhere.

The geography is original and most comprehensive, presenting three most important attributes, namely, truthfulness, reducing to the smallest compass a vast array of facts and finally presenting them in a form which the student can easily grasp and hold.

The origin of the land is described, the changes that have come, and fixes them in the mind by original maps and illustrations. Then it passes to the present natural features of the State, then the climate and life. Then the agriculture, settlement and government of the State are depicted. No other man in or out of Utah could have condensed so many important facts in so small space.

The geology and physical features of the State are given in words and splendidly mapped and illustrated. Then the mineral resources and their origin are given. This is simplified and tabulated to make it clear to the people. The mining camps are described. A description of the past and present of our great inland sea is given. Agri-

culture, irrigation and grazing are all dealt with. The educational conditions are perfectly described. At the close is a careful summary of the whole. The book should be called a general encyclopedia rather than geography, reduced to school form, simple enough for any child to understand, deep enough to satisfy the most comprehensive mind.

Whatever the result of "The Battle of the Books," this Utah geography should be secured for use in all the schools.

G. P. Putnam's Sons have taken the "Rhymes of Ironquill" from a Kansas publishing house, and a new edition will be published shortly.

Eugene Ware, the new pension commissioner, is the author and the rhymes are in their tenth edition.

There has been much curiosity among readers generally to know the name of the author of "Confessions of a Wife," now running in the Century. The magazine people declare they do not know who writes them.

Dr. Conan Doyle has been unable to find a publisher in Holland for his booklet on the Boer war. Dutch publishers are outside the copyright convention, and a rule of the association governing the trade is that when one firm announces its intention of issuing a translation of a foreign work no other house may produce that book for eighteen months. A leading Dutch publisher having stated his decision to issue the translation of Dr. Doyle's pamphlet, without, apparently, any real intention of doing so, no other firm may take it in hand. The work being thus "hung up," the English house, Smith & Elder, have posted 3000 copies to State officials, professors, clergymen, burgomasters, and editors. The book is published in this country by McClure, Phillips & Co.—New York Times.

The "Mississippi Bubble," Emerson Haugh's new novel, published by the Bowen, Merrill Co., is having a wonderful sale all over the country. The book has been extensively advertised and the work warrants it. It is most interesting, and in the person of John Law, Haugh has given us a splendid character.

Some of the newest fiction includes "To the End of the Trail," "Heralds of Empire," "The Diary of a Good Girl" and "Hard-niche."

Another refreshing bit from the pen of Kate Douglas Wiggin is "The Diary of a Good Girl," just published. It is the best thing the author has done in many a day and night, and should find a ready sale.

New Books.

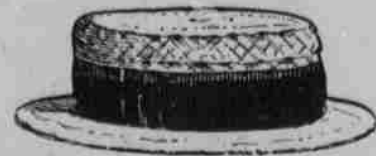
"Ragtime Philosophy," by Fred W. Stowell; \$1.

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